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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Memorandum of Conversation

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SUBJECT: FCN Treaty with Japan

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. George Betts - New York
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Mr. Betts, an attorney of 20 Broadway of New York, called me this morning about the action of the Senate placing the reservation on the FCN Treaty with Japan. His interest was in the reservation as to the professional clause. Mr. Betts explained that his office did considerable business in Japan and indeed had representatives of the office practicing in Tokyo. He was therefore very much concerned about the reservation. He asked whether the State Department could have the reservation withdrawn. I explained that the State Department would not be disposed to do so. He asked whether the Japanese Government might object to the reservation. I replied that the Japanese Government could object to the reservation, but that I did not anticipate such an objection would be made since it was my understanding that the Japanese would prefer to have the treaty with the reservation rather than have no treaty.

Mr. Betts said that he talked with Senator Smith, but that evidently the Senator had been too busy to object to the reservation. He asked whether he might get a copy of the Committee Hearings and Report. I told him that he could write to the Clerk of the Committee for a copy or perhaps one of the Senators could furnish him with a copy. Mr. Betts thanked me for the information which I had furnished him.

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